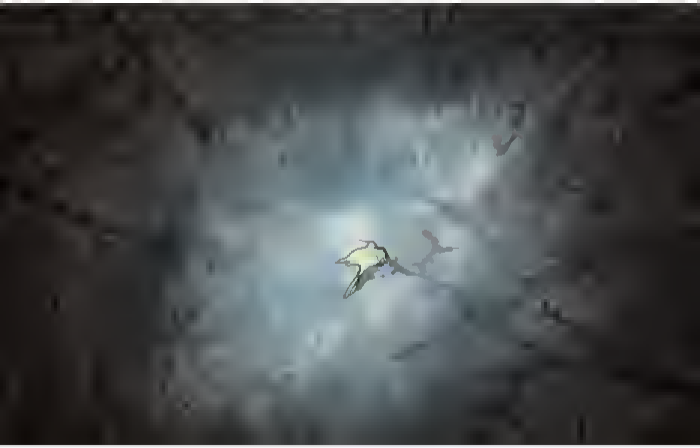
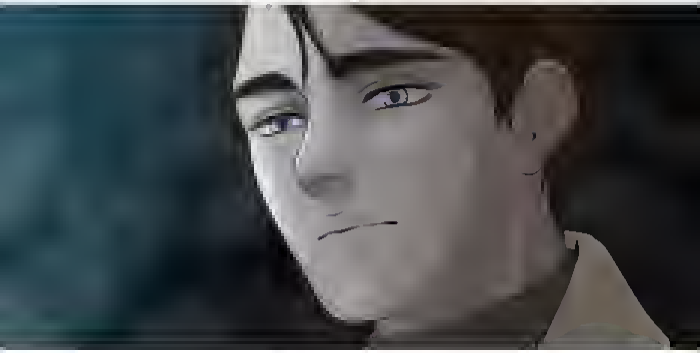


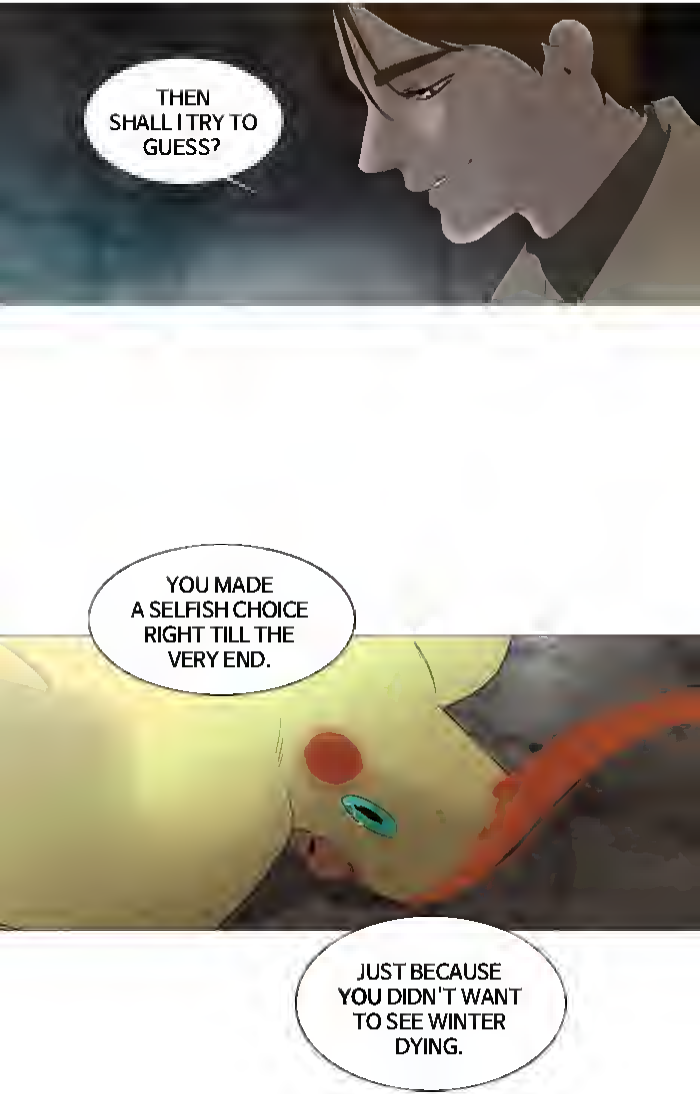
RUSTLE



# Winter Woods

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
...YOU ALREADY KNOW SO DON T PLAY DUMB

I GUESS
YOU DON'T WANT
TO TELL ME.


THEN SHALL I TRY TO GUESS?
YOU MADE A SELFISH CHOICE RIGHT TILL THE VERY END.
JUST BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T WANT TO SEE WINTER DYING.

YOU ABANDONED WINTER PURELY FOR YOUR OWN SAKE.
JUST LIKE YOU ABANDONED ME BEFORE.
RIGHT?

...THAT'S RIGHT. AS YOU SAID, I MADE A SELFISH CHOICE RIGHT UNTIL THE END.
BUT I DON'T REGRET IT.
I'M NOT GOING TO BOTHER MAKING A FAKE APOLOGY TO YOU NOW EITHER.

BECAUSE
I WOULD HAVE DONE
THE SAME THING AS NOW
AGAIN AND AGAIN.

NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU WERE TO APOLOGIZE TO ME,
SSK
I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU AS LONG AS I LIVE.
TAP

THEN WHY DID YOU COME ALL THE WAY HERE TO SEE ME?
TO MOCK ME IN MY FINAL MOMENT?

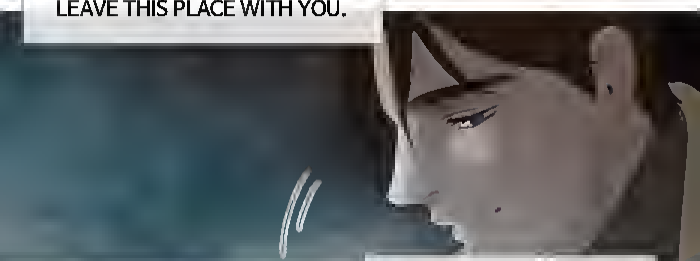
BECAUSE YOU
LEFT WINTER.

BECAUSE
YOU RE ALONE.
BECAUSE YOU
MADE A VERY SELFISH
BUT SLIGHTLY ALTRUISTIC
CHOICE.

HONESTLY,
I WAS
SURPRISED.
BEFORE,
YOU WOULD HAVE
DONE EVERYTHING THAT
YOU COULD TO BRING
HIM WITH YOU.

ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

YOU WOULD HAVE INSISTED THAT WINTER ISN'T HUMAN AND FORCED HIM TO LEAVE THIS PLACE WITH YOU.



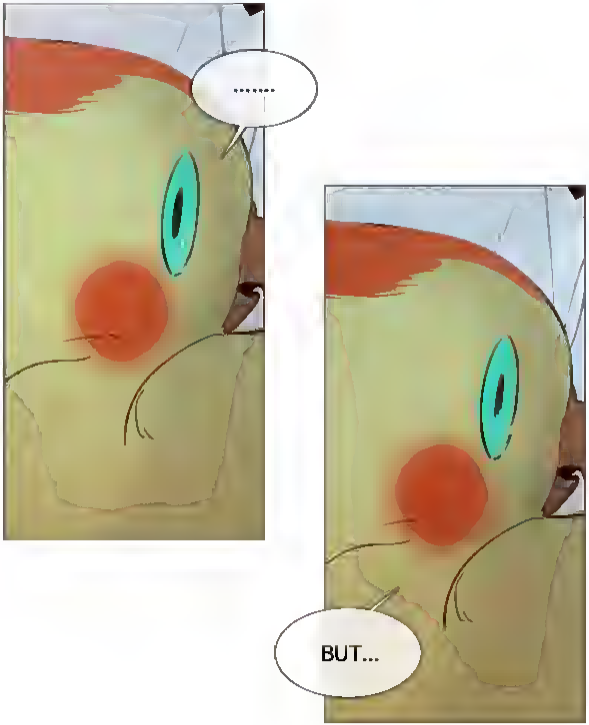
BECAUSE YOU NEED A PUPPET TO WIND YOUR SPRING FOR YOU.

BUT THIS TIME, YOU ACKNOWLEDGED WINTER'S HUMANITY BY CALLING HIS NAME.
YOU LET HIM GO, EVEN WISHING HIM SINCERE HAPPINESS.

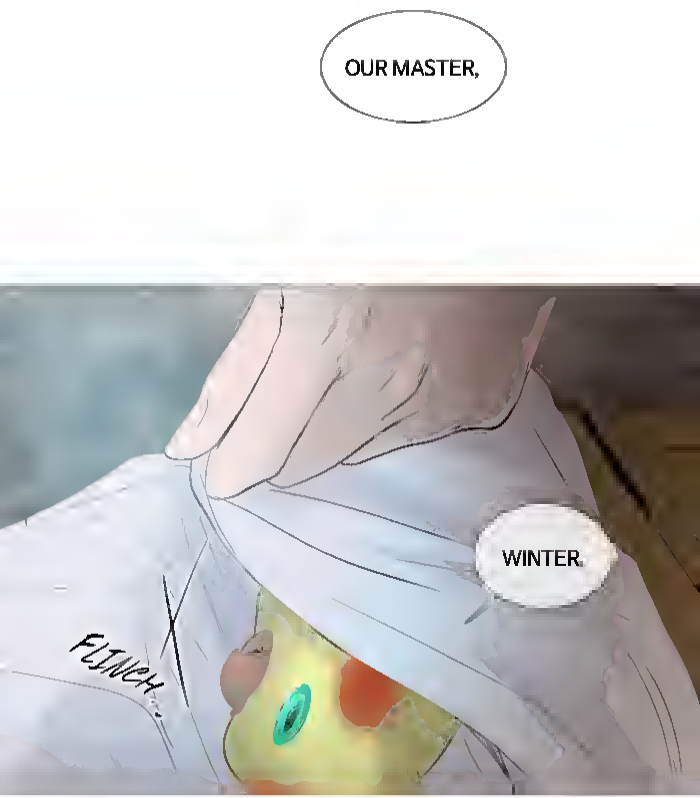
EVEN IN
A SITUATION WHERE
YOU MIGHT END UP
LIKE THIS.

...WHAT...
ARE YOU TRYING
TO SAY?

I MEAN THAT I'M HAPPY TO SEE THAT YOU'VE CHANGED.
I THINK I'LL BE ABLE TO LET YOU GO NOW.


.....
BUT...

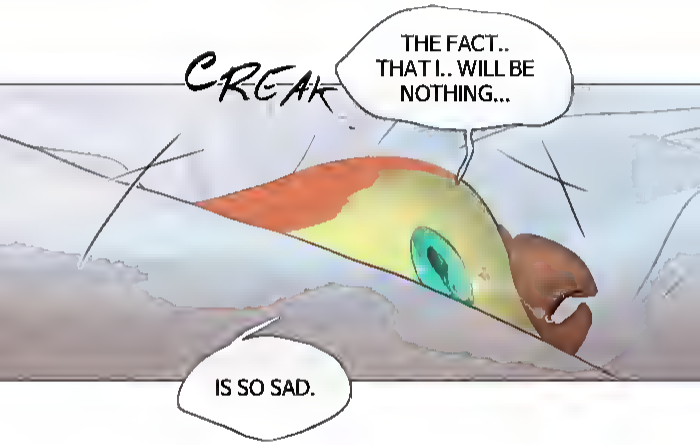
I'LL END UP...
CREAK
CREAK
LOSING ALL OF MY MEMORIES LIKE THIS, WON'T I...?


OUR MASTER,
WINTER.
FUWEH...

CREAK
JANE,
AND YOU,
click..
click..

IT WILL ALL BE LIKE IT NEVER HAPPENED.
CREAK
RATTLE
SO, ARE YOU SCARED?

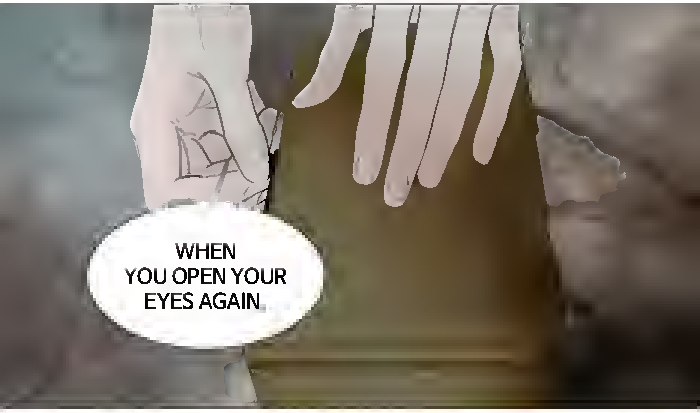
...I'M SCARED.
EVEN THOUGH IT'S MY OWN DECISION...
CREAK
CREAK
RATTLE.
I'M TERRIFIED.

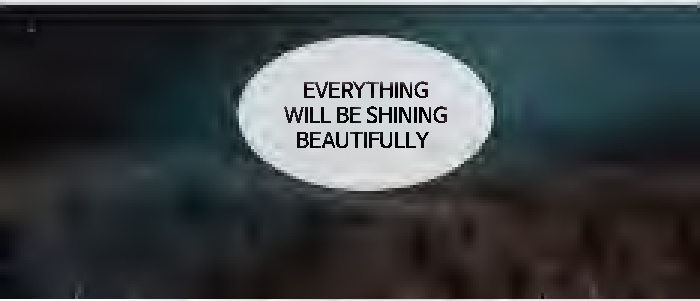

CREAK
THE FACT.. THAT I.. WILL BE NOTHING...
IS SO SAD.

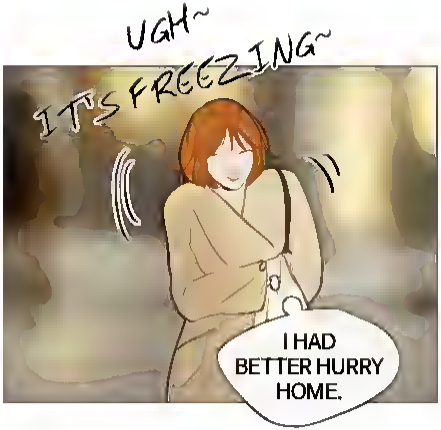
RATTLE
DON'T BE TOO SCARED, ROY.

QUIET.

REST NOW.


WHEN
YOU OPEN YOUR
EYES AGAIN


EVERYTHING
WILL BE SHINING
BEAUTIFULLY

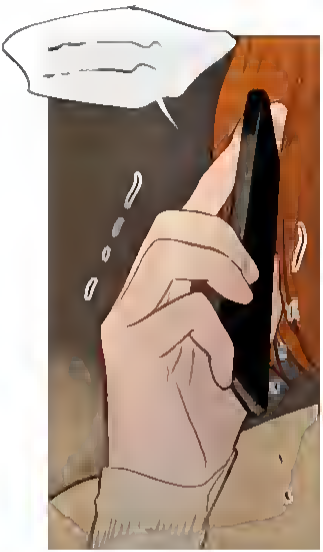

UGH~
IT'S FREEZING~
I HAD BETTER HURRY HOME.

R
R
R
R..

SMITH?

.....!!!

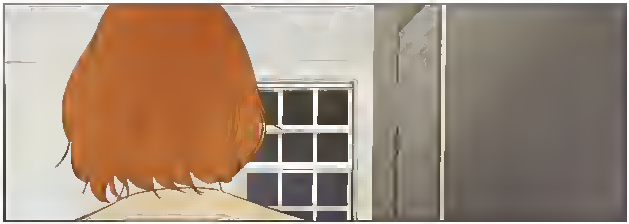
WHAT'S GOING ON, SMITH?



SMITH!!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
HUFF
HUFF
JANE!!

ROY IS GONE?
AND WHAT DO YOU MEAN WINTER COLLAPSED!
CHOKE
...FOR NOW, JUST HEAD INSIDE.
WINTER'S AWAKE.

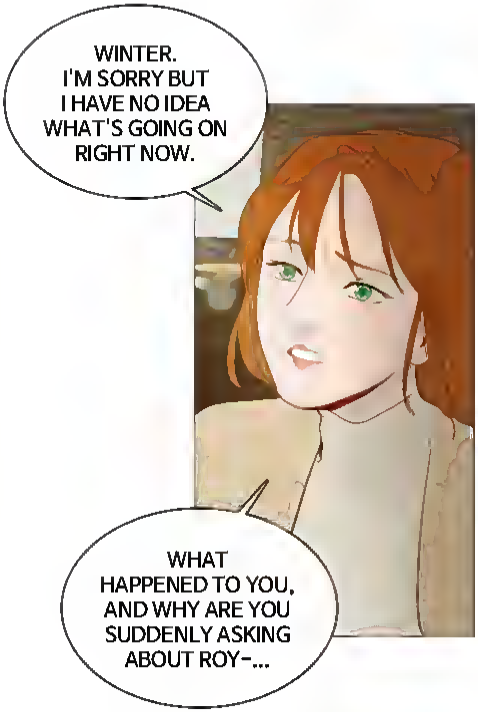
CREAK

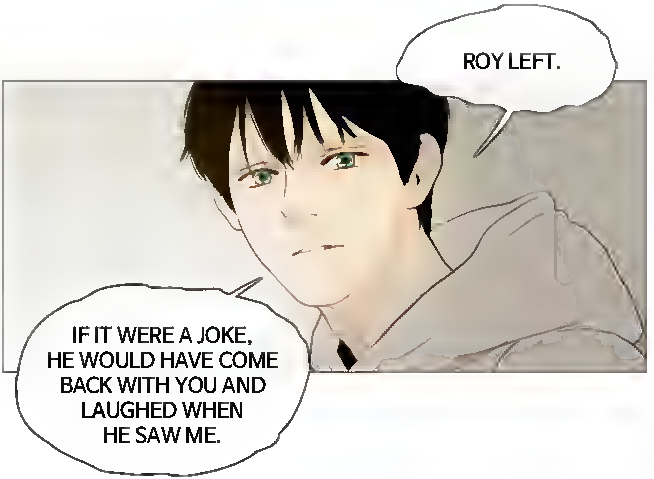


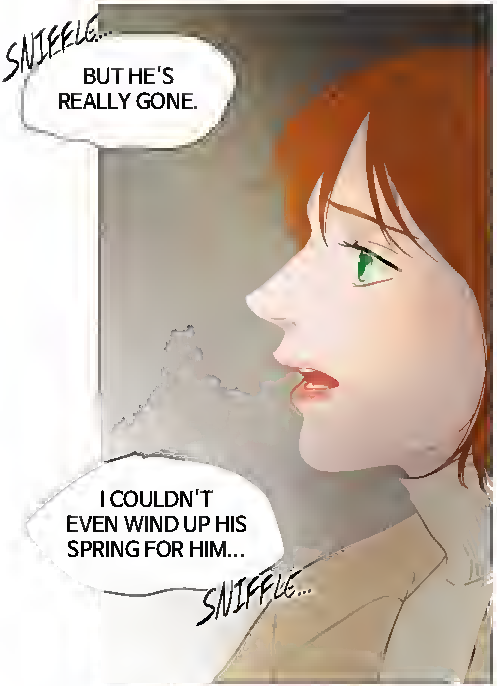
WINTER...?

I JUST
HEARD FROM SMITH
AND CAME HOME,
BUT WHAT'S
GOING-

JANE
HAVE YOU SEEN
ROY?
DID YOU MEET
HIM ON THE WAY HERE
AND COME BACK
TOGETHER, OR...
OR...


WINTER.
I'M SORRY BUT
I HAVE NO IDEA
WHAT'S GOING ON
RIGHT NOW.
WHAT
HAPPENED TO YOU,
AND WHY ARE YOU
SUDDENLY ASKING
ABOUT ROY-...

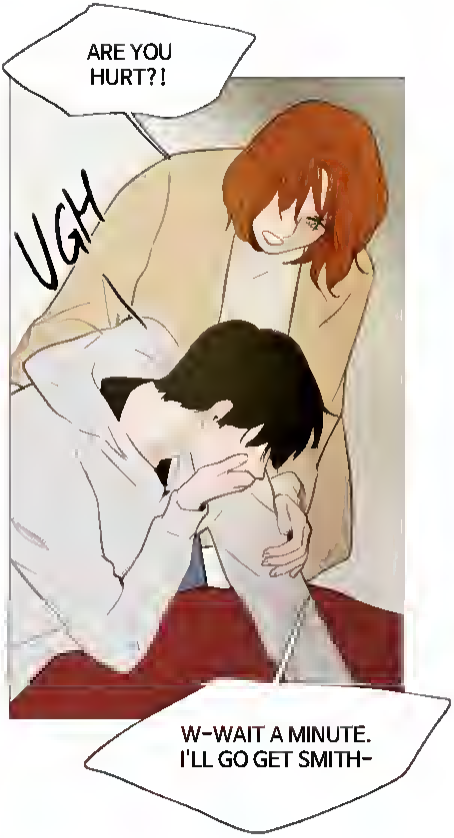

ROY LEFT.
IF IT WERE A JOKE, HE WOULD HAVE COME BACK WITH YOU AND LAUGHED WHEN HE SAW ME.


SNIFFLE...
BUT HE'S REALLY GONE.
I COULDN'T EVEN WIND UP HIS SPRING FOR HIM...
SNIFFLE...

HE REALLY LEFT...

UGH...!

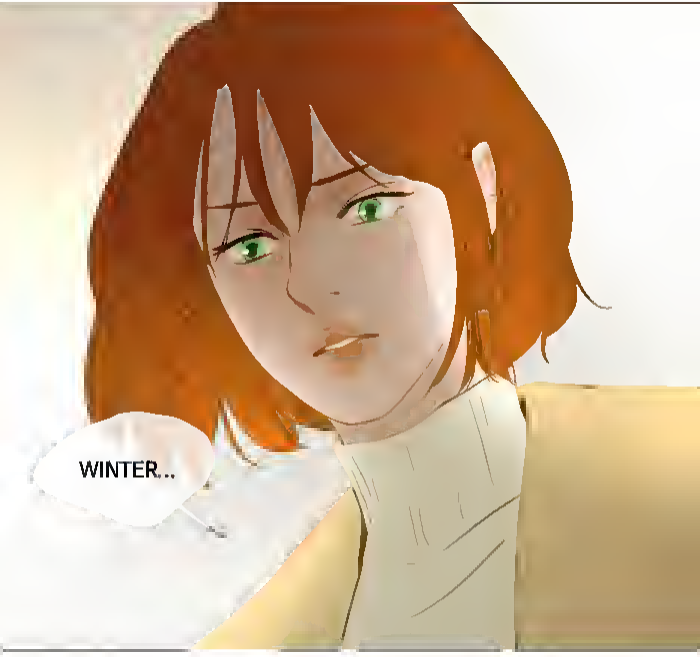
W-WINTER? WHAT IS IT?


ARE YOU HURT?!
UGH
W-WAIT A MINUTE. I'LL GO GET SMITH-

CLASP
DON'T GO ANYWHERE, JANE.

DON'T LEAVE ME LIKE ROY.
JUST STAY BY MY SIDE.
DON'T LEAVE FOR EVEN A SECOND-

COUGH...


WINTER...

DRIP
JANE, DON'T...
DRIP
LEAVE...

SSK

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